

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. In this amendment, claims 4, 19 and 28 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4, 19 and 28 were rejected due to alleged informalities. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggestion and has made amendments in accordance therewith.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16-18, 20, 21, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on U.S. Publication no. 2002/0046299 of Lefeber et al. ("Lefeber"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, for the reasons which follow.

Claim 1 recites:

1. (Original) A method of automatically populating a contact database in a mobile communication device configured to communicate voice and data over a wireless network, the method comprising:
receiving a telephone number associated with a voice call involving the mobile communication device; and
when a data connection is established between the mobile communication device and a remote processing system via the wireless network, then **automatically**
obtaining data associated with the telephone number via the wireless network, and
storing the data in the contact database in association with the telephone number.
(Emphasis added.)

Lefeber does not disclose or even suggest such a method. Lefeber discloses a technique in which, when a specified event occurs, a user of a mobile device can be signaled, by a telephone call, to access a particular web page. For example, in Lefeber, if a user's online auction bid is exceeded, a telephone call is automatically initiated to the mobile device 405 from a predetermined telephone number. Paragraphs 62-64.

The predetermined telephone number is associated with a predetermined message (e.g., "E-Commerce Alert") in a database within the mobile device 405. Paragraphs 60 and 65. When the mobile device 405 receives the Caller-ID signal for the incoming call, it looks up the telephone number, associates it with the predetermined message in the database, and then displays the predetermined message to the user. Id. If the user then responds to the message by initiating a web page request from the mobile device 405, the request is redirected to a web page associated with the initiating event. Paragraphs 66-69.

In contrast with claim 1, however, Lefeber does not disclose or even relate to automatically populating a contact database in a mobile device. In particular, Lefeber does not disclose or suggest that when a data connection is established between the mobile device and a remote processing system, then data associated with the telephone number is automatically obtained via the wireless network and stored in the contact database in association with the telephone number.

Lefeber does disclose that the mobile device 405 can receive a web page (e.g., "fulfillment page) in response to a page request after the predetermined message has been displayed to the user. However, the downloaded web page is not stored in any contact database, in contrast with claim 1.

Lefeber also discloses that names or messages can be stored in a database in the mobile device 405. See page 7, paragraph 60; Table 1. However, in contrast with claim 1, those data are not stored in the database automatically, nor are such data stored when a data connection is established between the mobile device and a remote processing system via the wireless network. Rather, the names and/or messages are

stored in the database by the user, at a time that is not dependent upon any connection over the wireless network (“Therefore, the user of device 405 has programmed the database . . .”; Lefeber, para. 60 (emphasis added)).

Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by Lefeber. Furthermore, claim 1 also is not obvious based on Lefeber, either alone or in combination with any of the other cited references. There is simply no suggestion or motivation in Lefeber to produce the present invention, and Lefeber and the present invention are directed to solving completely different problems.

Independent claims 10, 16 and 25 each include limitations similar to those in claim 1 discussed above and are, therefore, patentable over the cited art for similar reasons.

Furthermore, regarding claims 10 and 25, note that claim 10 recites “receiving a telephone number at the browser...” Similarly, claim 26 recites a process provided by a browser in a mobile communication device, which includes receiving a telephone number associated with a voice call. There is no disclosure in Fleming or Lefeber of the receiving of a telephone number by the browser, or any suggestion of why one would want that to be done. Therefore, independent claims 10 and 25 are patentable over the cited art for this additional reason.

Dependent Claims

In view of the above remarks, a specific discussion of the dependent claims is considered to be unnecessary. Therefore, Applicants’ silence regarding any dependent claim is not to be interpreted as agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejection of such claim or as waiving any argument regarding that claim.

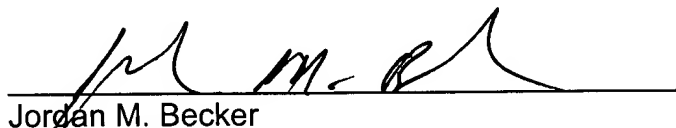
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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